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(54) Organ anastomosing apparatus

(57) An apparatus for anastomosing an organ of a subject to be anastomosed such as patient comprises a pair of magnets (2,3) being disposed to predetermined sites or regions of organs of the subject each other so as to be opposed through wall portions of the respective organs, the magnets being adsorbed to each other so as to form an anastomosis site having a through hole for making communication between the organ walls, a

flexible soft guide wire detachably mounted to at least one of the paired magnets, and a guide tube (7) inserted into a body of the subject with the guide wire (4) being inserted therein, the guide tube (7) coming into contact with a guide wire mount surface of the one (2) of magnets so as to support the one magnet when the guide wire is removed from the one magnet and the guide tube (7) being inserted into the through hole of the anastomosis site to maintain formation of the through hole.

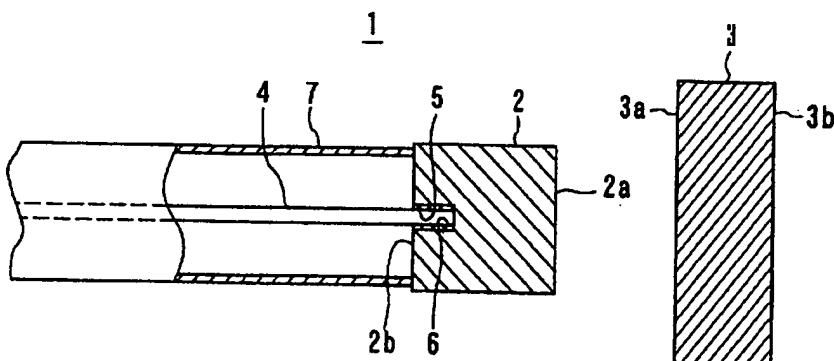


FIG. 1



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Claim 17 is not clear in that it seeks to define its subject matter in terms of the intended use of the apparatus, without defining technical features of the apparatus necessary to make the apparatus suitable for such use. Claims 18-21 can not be searched since they are dependent on claim 17. Claim 22 is only searchable as dependent on claim 1.

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